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## AGRICULTURE.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING OF THE FARMERS  
IN THE STATE HOUSE.

On Friday evening, April 13th, the adjourned annual meeting of the Farmers of the State was held at the State House.

The meeting was opened by Hon. M. P. Wilder, who delivered a most interesting and valuable address.

The subject of the address was "The State of Agriculture in Massachusetts." The address was well received, and the meeting was highly successful.

The meeting was adjourned until the next year, when it will be held at the same place.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

(For the Ploughman.)

## CUTTING AND PRESERVING SCIONS.

MR. EDITOR.—I feel it incumbent on me to

submit a few remarks in relation to the time of

cutting and preserving scions, in addition

to the many communications on the subject

published in the Ploughman. It has been said

that scions may be cut in February and in March,

as there is more leisure time; true they may.

But for my life I can see no objection to cut-

ting them in the latter part of the season, and

preserving them in a healthy condition when

they are cut.

Having had more than thirty years' expe-

rience in the art of grafting (in which I profess

to be somewhat of an expert), I am confident that no place can be found where

they can be kept so secure as when they are

cut in the latter part of the season, and

preserved in a healthy condition when they

are cut.

My method, invariably, has been for twenty

years past, to roll them in a wet cloth and

lay them on the ground, where they will be

kept all the winter season over. I perfectly

concur with the Editor of the Ploughman in

taking scions from the most healthy and up-

right branches.

CEPHAS BULLARD.

Franklin, April 12.

(For the Ploughman.)

## RAISING THORN HEDGES.

MR. EDITOR.—If your correspondent S. T. C. L.

wishes to raise a hedge of Hawthorn from the

seed, he will find the seeds will not vegetate

until the second season after planting. I have

several times planted the seed in autumn, and in

no case did any of the seeds come up the

spring, but came up well the spring after.

I should much prefer the buckhorn to the

Virginia hawthorn. I planted a hedge for a

fence many years ago of the latter kind, and

it is now a most valuable fence, and yet there

is more labor and expense than maintaining a rail

fence—especially as the cropping must be at-

tended to in a very busy season; consequently,

the trees were very much allowed to grow high

and thick, and the hedge was very much in-

creased in height, and it became a very unprofitable

fence. The buckhorn, however, is a most valuable

fence, and it is much to be regretted that the

Hawthorn is so much in vogue. The Editor of the

Ploughman takes a different view of the subject.

He does not seem to believe that you can make a

fence in a College in two, or even three years.

He lives in a College where numbers obtain their living

by farming, and where ninety pairs a week have

been taken from one press. People there are so

simple as to take, in great numbers, these pairs

that are so much beneath the notice of one gen-

tleman who now advocates the expenditure of half a

million annually to maintain an Agricultural Col-

lege. He professes the College in France, and states

the annual cost at \$600,000.

Mr. B. said he could name another town, almost

as rich as Boston as Braintree is, where more than

200 Agricultural papers are taken weekly from a

single press here. Two hundred families, in one

town 20 miles west of us, are simple enough to

patronize a single paper that is almost beneath the

notice of one gentleman present, who would bring

up young men to farming in College.

farmers of the land. There is many a man

among that goodly fellowship of farmers, who

should I chance to meet with, strangers to me

though they might be, yet would I cherish them

by the hand as friends. And are they not

friends? Yes—friends in the cause of agricul-

ture. They have labored to elevate that calling,

great and noble in itself, but too long neglected

and trampled in the dust.

Much has been done for agriculture, but much

remains to be done. Some of the recent state-

ments before the agricultural societies, show an

improvement in culture and tillage that was not

even dreamed of a few short years ago. The

men of New England and the Middle States

these statements to encourage them on-ward.

What are we to do by and by? Is it a

question sometimes asked by farmers of these

parts. How are we to compete with the physi-

cians? Railroads and canals are multiplying—

facilities are becoming greater every day for

bringing produce from those markets to our sea-

ports. They can raise every thing cheaper than

we can. What are we to do? Not sit down

and mourn over our fate—not sell our farms and

move there too—but stay where we are, and

work head-work. Raise 100 bushels of shelled

corn, here we formerly raised 20; raise 2 tons

of hay where we used to grow only 10; keep 10

cows, and good ones too, and keep them well,

where we formerly did 5.

We may not be able to do so this year, or

next, but the good seed will be sown, and it

will keep all the coming season over. Industry, science,

economy—must be brought to aid us in the

fulfillment of our purpose.

Who are the men destined to rise in the agri-

cultural world? I answer, those who read, who

reflect. Now, more than ever, has a time come

when the farmer must think. He that works

ever so hard with his hands, if he work not with

his head too, will find his intelligent neighbor

outstripping him, with half the physical la-

bor he exerts. And these men, so wise in their

own conceits as to suppose that they can learn

nothing from a book or paper, on farming, will

discover their error, perhaps too late to retrieve

it. H. C. W. Putnam Valley, N. Y., Feb. 11,

1849. [Albany Courier.]

## SOWING GRASS SEED.

The hay crop in Maine being the most valu-

able and important of all our crops, whatever

the success of the crop, and the success of the

crop, depends much upon the success of the

crop. When the soil is brought into good

condition for grass, it is a very important

factor in the success of the crop. The grass

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there, seated in his famous red breches, on a

stool in the dairy, attended the dairy maid, and

inspected personally all her proceedings, from

the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

But what we have to say for the once is

this:—

How to make Cream Cheese.—For two cream

cheeses, take six quarts of new milk, and one

of sweet cream, to which add two or three

pounds of rennet, and let it stand until suffi-

ciently curdled, then strain it in a large basin

of cold water, by the end gently on it, the

cloth and hang it up to drain for four or five

hours in a cool place; then change the cloth,

and put the curd into a vessel, the circumfer-

ence of a common plate, and press it moder-

ately six or eight hours, when it must be

taken out, turned, and split horizontally with a

sharp knife; lay the cloth between the two

cakes, and again put them in press for 12 or 14 hours;

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LADIES' SWEETING APPLE. Some time

since we had occasion to notice this fine apple

and to speak of it, as grown in New York,

in terms of high praise. We did not then know that





